carrying storm water also carries affluents from large areas upstream of the Institute land. The local Civic Bodies i.e. M.C.D., N.D.M.C. and D.D.A. have covered the portion of upstream of Gautam Nagar and also downstream of Ring Road leaving just the portion of nullah running through the Institute land uncovered. The Institute comes under the jurisdiction of N.D.M.C. Since efforts of the AIIMS to get this portion of the nullah covered through concerned Civic Bodies under Delhi Administration did not yield any result, the AIIMS authorities entrusted the job of covering the nalah to the C.P.W.D. as a deposit work in March, 1987. In October, 1987 it was seen that the work on collection of hydraulic data etc. was in progress and it would take considerable time for actual start of work at site. Therefore the amount deposited with the C.P. W.D. was withdrawn to be used elsewhere. It is now proposed to make a provision for this activity in the VIIIth Plan and the estimates for the same have been asked from C.P.W.D. which is collecting the data.

Mandatory Indication of IODINE on Salt Packs

2557. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 860 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether after the imposition of ban by the Delhi Administration on the sale of non-iodised salt, any survey has been made to know whether the iodised salt being sold in the market contains the required quantity of iodine; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that salt packs do not contain the iodine contents, the date of manufacture/expiry and in most of the cases, the names of the manufactures or the company which pack or market the product; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the violation of the mandatory provisions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Supersession of Army Officers

2558. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated 4th June, 1989 regarding reported resentment in the Army because of alleged supersession of senior Army officers and the delay in making senior appointments therein;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The news item has been seen.

(b) and (c) The allegations made in the report are baseless. The senior appointments in the Army are approved by the Central Government. Overall record profile and merit are the crucial factors relevant to selection for senior appointments. Action for such selection is initiated well in advance and all efforts are made to eliminate avoidable delays. Supersession in higher ranks is unavoidable due to the pyramidal structure of the Army organization.

S.T.D. Charges from Delhi during night

2559 SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount payable for STD calls from Delhi is less by certain percentage during night;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal for extending this benefit to other towns of the country, especially to the State Capitals; and

(c) if so, what are the dttails in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) A concessional tariff for STD calls made during night hours (from 7 PM to 8 AM next morning) has always been in existence. This concessional tariff is applicable to all stations and not only in Delhi.

(c) Details of the new tariff effective from 1.4.89 are given in the table below:

Radial distance between any two exchanges or between any two long distance charging centres (in Kms.)	Periodicity of S.T.D./ Pulses in Seconds per unit call				
	Week Days	Concessional Rate			
		Week Days		National Holidays & Sundays	
	0800 Hrs. to 1900 Hrs.	0600 Hrs. to 0800 Hrs. and 1900 Hrs. to 2200 Hrs.	2200 Hrs. to 2400 Hrs. and 0000 Hrs. to 0600 Hrs.	0600 Hrs. to 2200 Hrs.	2200 to 2400 Hrs. and 0000 to 600 Hrs.
20—50	36	48	48	48	48
50 – 100	12	24	48	24	48
100 – 200	8	16	36	16	36
200 – 500	4	8	16	8	16
500 – 1000	3	6	12	6	12
Above—1000	2	4	8	4	8

Navy Personnel Killed in Helicopter Crash

2560. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three officers and 2 sailors of Indian Navy died in helicopter crash on 31st May, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the main causes of the crash and at which place the incident occurred; and

(c) whether any action has been taken so far against those responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Naval Chetak Helicopter, while on a routine patrol sortie, crashed 9.54 Nautical Miles South East of Ramnad near Mandapam in Tamil Nadu on the 31st May, 1989, killing all the five Naval personnel on board the ill-fated helicopter. A Board of Inquiry is in progress. The findings of the Boards of Inquiry are treated as classified and are not disclosed in the public interest.